

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE REVISED RESULTS OF A WATER  
QUALITY RESTORATION STUDY FOR THE JAMES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES IN  
RICHMOND CITY, CHESTERFIELD, HENRICO, AND POWHATAN COUNTIES, VIRGINIA**

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Piedmont Regional DEQ Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Richmond, Virginia 23060. Public meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 at 2pm and 6pm. In addition, an informal question and answer session will be held a half hour prior to each meeting, the first at 1:30pm and the second at 5:30pm. Both meetings and question and answer sessions are open to the public.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are presenting a revised draft report of a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and two public meetings.

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** Public meetings on a study to restore water quality along the James River and Tributaries in and around the jurisdictions mentioned in the title above. Meeting will highlight the revisions which have been made to the document (a document summarizing these changes will be available). The main topic of discussion will address the challenge of meeting attainment in Gillie Creek and Almond Creek and the ongoing collaboration of DEQ with the City of Richmond concerning combined sewer overflows (CSOs). The DEQ proposes to utilize the TMDL report as a technical support document for the future purpose of a Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) of the concreted portion of Gillie Creek, should one be necessary.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** Virginia agencies have been working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in the waters of the James River and it's tributaries in the following jurisdictions -

<b>Stream</b>	<b>County/City</b>	<b>Length (mi.)</b>	<b>Impairment</b>
Bernards Creek	Chesterfield, Powhatan	6.95	Bacteria (Primary Contact Use)
Powwhite Creek	Chesterfield, Richmond City	8.13	
Reedy Creek	Richmond City	3.69	
James River	Richmond City	2.99	
Gillie Creek	Richmond City, Henrico	5.75	
Almond Creek	Henrico	2.08	
Goode Creek	Richmond City	1.22	
Falling Creek	Chesterfield	3.10	
No Name Creek	Chesterfield	2.07	
James River	Chesterfield, Henrico, Richmond City	6.75	

These streams are impaired for failure to meet the *Primary Contact (Recreational)* designated use because of bacteria standard violations. The study reports the sources of bacterial contamination and recommends total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: The development of a TMDL includes a public comment period, including public meetings. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State Water Control Board for approval.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which will begin on July 1st and end on August 2, 2009.

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